

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Kindly cancel claim 3, without prejudice, amend claims 1-6, and add new claims 7 and 8, as shown below.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the Application:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A liquid fuel for internal combustion engine [[,]] having parts formed of aluminum or an aluminum alloy, said liquid fuel, comprising 2 to 85 N wt.% of an alcohol component of aliphatic monohydric alcohol having 2 to 6 carbon atoms per molecule per se or a mixture thereof, wherein N is 2 to 85 wt.%, and 15 to 98 wt.% of a hydrocarbon component, in which, when the alcohol component in the said liquid fuel for internal combustion engine is N wt.%, further containing water is added in an amount corresponding to the larger of (a) $0.002 \times N$ wt.% or more, and (b) 0.1 wt.% of the resulting liquid fuel for internal combustion engine.

Claim 2 (currently amended): A liquid fuel for internal combustion engine having parts formed of aluminum or an aluminum alloy, comprising 2 to 85 wt.% of an alcohol component of aliphatic monohydric alcohol having 2 to 6 carbon atoms per molecule per se or a mixture thereof, and 15 to 98 wt.% of a hydrocarbon component, said liquid fuel for internal combustion engine containing an aluminum corrosion inhibitor in an effective amount capable of inhibiting the to inhibit corrosion of the aluminum corrosion or aluminum alloy at a predetermined given temperature in the range of 80°C to 120°C, and said aluminum or aluminum alloy corrosion inhibitor comprising water, and at least one member selected from [[among]] the group consisting of methanol, glycol hydrocarbons, ketone hydrocarbons, ester

~~hydrocarbons and aldehyde hydrocarbons~~ a glycol hydrocarbon, a ketone hydrocarbon, an ester hydrocarbon, and an aldehyde hydrocarbon.

Claim 3 (cancelled).

Claim 4 (currently amended): The liquid fuel for ~~internal combustion engine~~ according to claim 1, wherein at least one kind of ether components having not more than 12 carbon atoms per molecule and having at least one ether bond in the molecule is included in said liquid fuel for ~~internal combustion engine~~.

Claim 5 (currently amended): The liquid fuel for ~~internal combustion engine~~ according to claim 2, wherein at least one kind of ether components having not more than 12 carbon atoms per molecule and having at least one ether bond in the molecule is included in said liquid fuel for ~~internal combustion engine~~.

Claim 6 (currently amended): The liquid fuel for ~~internal combustion engine~~ according to claim 3, wherein at least one kind of ether components having not more than 12 carbon atoms per molecule and having at least one ether bond in the molecule is included in said liquid fuel for ~~internal combustion engine~~.

Claim 7 (new): A method of preventing corrosion of an aluminum or aluminum alloy part of an internal combustion engine, caused by a synthetic liquid fuel containing an alcohol, which comprises:

providing as said liquid fuel a liquid mixture comprising N wt.% of an aliphatic monohydric alcohol component having 2 to 6 carbon atoms per molecule or a mixture thereof, wherein N is between 2 and 85 wt.%, and 15 to 98 wt.% of a hydrocarbon component;

adding water to the liquid mixture to provide a water content in the liquid mixture of at least (a) $0.002 \times N$ wt.% of the aliphatic monohydric alcohol component of the liquid measure, and (b) 0.1 wt. % of the liquid fuel mixture; and

supplying the liquid mixture as a liquid fuel for the internal combustion engine.

Claim 8 (new): The method of claim 7, wherein the liquid mixture further comprises an ether having not more than 12 carbon atoms per molecule.

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